करने के लिए इनकी पूरी-पूरी जांच की जाती है। सभी जांच अधिकारियों को यह सलाह विशेष रूप से दी गई है कि कानून के अनुसार अपराधियों को दंडित कराने के लिए वे बालशोषण के मामलों को वरीयता के आधार पर निपटाएं।

(ग) जी हां, श्रीमान। धारा 366-क / 366-ख / 372 / 373 के अधीन भारतीय दंड संहिता के उपबंध बच्चों के यौन शोषण के संबंध में दंड देने के लिए लागू होते हैं।

(घ) उपर्युक्त (ग) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Food Processing Projects in North Eastern and Southern States

955. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned Rs.1039 crores for various food processing projects in 7 North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, whether Government had provided financial assistance for setting up 29 food processing centres in the region for training small entrepreneurs in rural and hilly areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are considering to provide assistance for food processing projects in the Southern States also; and

(e) if so, the States selected for the purpose and the number of food processing projects which are likely to be set up in the Southern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (e) The Ministry has extended financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 12.91 crores under its Plan Schemes for various proposals received from State Government Organisations/ Cooperatives/Voluntary Organisations etc. in the North-Eastern States between the years 1991-92 to 1994-95. This includes proposal for setting up of 29 Food Processing & Training Centres (FPTCs).

The Ministry's Plan Schemes are not State specific and assistance is extended to the proposals received from various States including Southern States. Such assistance has already been extended in respect of various proposals received from the 4 Southern States of the Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. out of the total target of 250 such Centres throughout the country, in the four Southern States during the Eighth Plan period. Assistance has been extended for setting up of 21 such Training Centres in the four Southern States till date.

EOT Scheme

956. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the scheme build, operate and transfer (BOT) cess or toll on users of roads is for a specified period;

(b) if so, the rationale thereof and the period for which toll is imposed;

(c) whether there are any constraints in continuing the toll after the expiry of the initial stipulated period;

(d) in what manner the expenditure on maintenance of the road or infrastructure is met after the discontinuation of the toll particularly in the wake of fund constraints;

(e) whether Government would consider in continuation of toll even after the expiry of the initial stipulated period, keeping in view the need for continued maintenance of the road or infrastructure and the fund constraints; and

(f) if so, the modalities of the same and if not, the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is envisaged that the private entrepreneur under the BOT Scheme who will invest in the construction of the road will be entitled to collect and retain fees for a specified period. Thereafter, the asset will stand transferred to the Government. The period for which toll is imposed will depend upon several factors like cost of scheme, traffic levels, return expected by the entrepreneur, interest during the construction period, quantum of toll, etc.

(c) to (f) There are no constraints in continuing the toll after the expiry of the initial stipulated period to cover amongst others the cost of maintenance. Otherwise, the maintenance cost would be met from budgetary allocation.

Meeting of North Eastern Council in Delhi

957. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the North Eastern Council (NEC) was held on November 16, 1995 in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the names of the members who attended the meeting and the subjects discussed therein and the conclusions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) The following Governors and Chief Ministers of the North Eastern states, who are the Members of the Council attended the Council Meeting on 16th November, 1995 in Delhi.

(1) Shri Mata Prasad, Governor, Arunachal Pradesh (Chairman), (2) Shri Loknath Mishra, Governor, Assam (3) Shri M.M Jacob, Governor, Meghalaya (4) Shri O.N. Srivastava, Governor, Nagaland (5) Shri P.R. Kyndiah, Governor, Mizoram, (6) Prof. S. Prasad, Governor, Tripura, (7) Shri Gegong Apang, Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh, (8) Shri Hiteshwar saikia, Chief Minister, Assam, (9) Shri S.C. Marak, Chief Minister, Meghalaya, (10) Shri Rishang Keishing, Chief Minister, Manipur, (11) Shri Lalthan Hawla, Chief Minister, Mizoram, (12) Shri S.C. Jamir, Chief Minister, Nagaland, (13) Shri Dasratha Deb, Chief Minister, Tripura, in addition, Shri S.B.Chavan, Union Home Minister, and Prof. M. Kamson, Minister Of State (Home) also participated.

Subjects discussed in the meeting included among others, Physical and Financial Review of the NEC Plan Schemes 1993-94 and 1994-95, NEC Revised Estimate for 1995-96; proposed Annual Plan for 1996-97? Status Reports on Transport & Communication, Power and Technical Education as well as initiatives to be taken in the North Eastern Region in the context of the new Economic policy; role of NEC in the development of North East region, etc. Some of the important decisions taken/ adopted in the meeting including those regarding timely completion of priority roads identified for special funding during the VIIIth Plan period; approval of Annual Plan proposals for the year 1996-97 of Rs. 712.86 crores, the need for provision of sufficient resources through the Ministry of Civil Aviation for the development of an efficient network of airports in the region; timely operation of flights of Indian Airlines, connecting the state capitals by air services to Guwhati and Delhi, the need for a special economic and industrial policy for the North East Region in view of the new Economic Policy of the Government, provision of necessary resources for the conservation of bio-diversity and development of such conservation projects which may also be economically viable in the region etc. Proposal for Community Resources Management Project for Upland Areas under the